## **DURHAM COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM AUTHORITY**

(Minutes of the 2010 Special Call Meeting)

The Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority (the "Authority"), convened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Durham County Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina.

Members present included Chairman Tommy Hunt; Vice Chairman Willie Bradshaw; Dan Moushon; and the undersigned as Secretary. Also present were Motiryo Keambiroiro, Director of General Services and Stadium Manager (the "Director"); Glen Whisler, County Engineer; Deborah Booth, Administrative Officer; Ray Ellis, Ground Maintenance Supervisor; Jim Faress, Project Manager; Ademola Shobande, Senior Project Manager; Robert Sotolongo, AIA, DTW Architects & Planners, Ltd.; and Larry McDonald, Athletic Director for Durham County Public Schools. Also present were Frank Davis, Durham Striders Club; and Walt Hensler, Athletic Director, Northern High School.

The minutes of the February 9, 2010 and the February 23, 2010 meetings were approved.

The Authority then moved to consideration of any Stadium concerns addressed by the Director.

Dedication sign. There was a lengthy discussion about the location, selection and installation of appropriate signage and plaque commemorating both the old Stadium (dedicated 50 years ago) and the newly renovated Stadium, within the allowed budget for such items of \$20,000.00. Mr. Sotolongo noted that the budgetary figure of \$20,000.00 would be sufficient to cover the old and the new plaque (the plaque to be inscribed on both sides to include a history of the Stadium), signage and possibly the Durham County seal to be erected on the elevator tower. Most of the discussion centered on the date of the dedication, possibly 50 years from and after the date of the original dedication, the language on the plaque to include present and former members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, members of the Stadium Authority and other notables intimately associated with the Stadium. It was suggested that the plaque, both the old and new, be located near the ticket booth. It was felt that the plaque commemorating the renovated Stadium should follow the same material and format of the existing plaque, as per Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On motion, unanimously adopted, that \$20,000.00 be expended to provide an old and new plaque commemorating the Durham County Memorial Stadium, signage for outside the Stadium and, if funds are available, a rendition of the Durham County seal to be located on the elevator tower.

It was noted that a bid for the marquis to advertise events going on at the Stadium at any given time came in at approximately \$120,000.00. Since an expenditure of this nature was unprovided for in the budget, no action was taken at this time with reference to said marquis.

Stadium Rates. The next and last matter for consideration was a reconsideration of the Stadium rates. As reflected on Exhibit 2 attached hereto, the current Durham County Memorial Stadium rates were adopted at the February 9, 2010 meeting. Since that time, concerns were voiced by several users of the Stadium that the fees in some particulars were excessive; in particular concerns were raised about the daily rate (\$500.00 per day) for nonprofit governmental fees by Little River Community. Little

River Community traditionally leases the Stadium for substantially less than the new fee (11 days at a fee of \$500.00 per day or \$5,500.00). Little River had requested the use of the Stadium for the coming year for this event and had already paid the \$5,500.00 fee. Little River Community would use the Stadium from April 1, 2010 through and including April 11, 2010. Others requesting use of the Stadium included NC Museum of Life and Science, Kestrel Heights School, Durham Public Schools, CIAA, Sportal Agency, LLC, and Shaw University of Raleigh. A full and fair discussion followed. The Director pointed out that she had contacted other communities, particularly Wilmington, NC, and had concluded that she felt the rates adopted at the February 9, 2010 meeting were fair and reasonable.

The Authority heard from Larry McDonald, Walt Hensler and Frank Davis, representing Durham County Schools, Northern High School in particular, and other potential users, including the Durham Striders Club. Larry McDonald, Athletic Director for Durham County, noted that the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University gave their facilities for football games at "no charge." Walt Hensler, the Athletic Director at Northern High, noted that Northern would like to use the Stadium for other activities throughout the week, which included lacrosse and soccer, on the Stadium's artificial turf. It was noted by Chairman Hunt that UNC, State and perhaps East Carolina could afford to make their facilities available without charge since their reasons for doing so were quite different from our situation. Mr. Hunt pointed out that these universities had an interest in attracting young athletes to their campus as a recruiting tool and they were authorized to make this overture to student athletes, while the Authority had no such authorization from Durham County to give its facilities away without charge.

Mr. Hensler raised a question about the Northern Boosters Club possibly losing concession rights. It was noted by the Director that requests for proposals (RFP) would be distributed to responsible bidders in early April 2010 and that Northern High Boosters would have an opportunity to bid at that time. Throughout, it was noted that the Authority was very much aware that the Authority had never shown a profit throughout its existence of over 50 years and that with the renovation and expenditure of \$8 million, we felt a strong obligation to administer the activities of the Stadium in a business-like manner. In short, it was felt that the Stadium rates adopted February 9, 2010 should not be revised.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the rates set forth on Exhibit 2 attached not be revised.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was upon motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Hedrick, Secretary
Durham County Stadium Authority